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A production system comprises a plurality of fabrication apparatuses arranged in series for performing a sequential processing of work units applied to the system. All or some of the fabrication apparatuses are respectively equipped with sets of lamps each of which visually indicates fabrication states of the corresponding fabrication apparatus by energizing or de-energizing different colored lamps. A lamp control signal monitor is provided in each fabrication apparatus having the set of lamps. The lamp control signal monitor receives lamp control information used to energize or de-energize the colored lamps, and stores therein data indicative of start and finish time points and time durations of energization and de-energization of the colored lamps.